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Fortune Jones House
Upper Hill
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Fortune Jones House

MHT Inventory Number: S-441

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-441
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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic FORTUNE JONES HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side of Upper Hill Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Fortune Jones house stands on the west side of Upper Hill Road in the center of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay single-pile frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating to around turn of the twentieth century, this two-story, center hall frame dwelling is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with a layer of asphalt shingles. This house is currently abandoned, and it has reached an advanced state of deterioration.

The east (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The house is largely covered with vines, much of it poison ivy, thereby obscuring many of the architectural details. Rising through the steeply pitched gable roof are twin brick chimneys. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with single two-over-two sash window openings marking each floor. A two-pane window lights the attic. The gable ends are finished with slightly extended eaves.

The rear (west) wall is partially covered by an unusual single-story kitchen that is distinguished by a pyramidal roof. The odd juxtaposition of a pyramidal roofed structure against the main block suggests the kitchen was a separate outbuilding that was relocated to its current site against the house.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

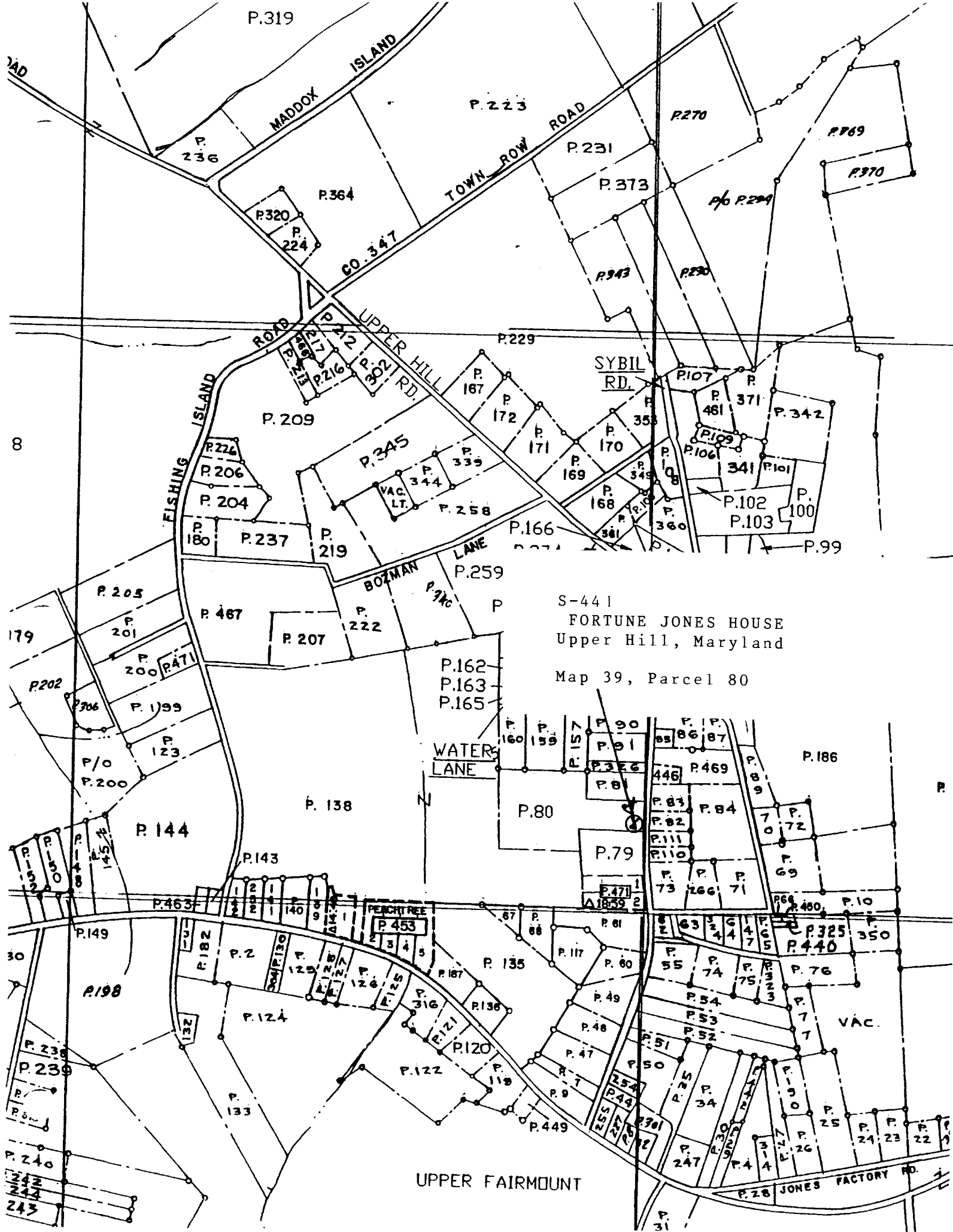
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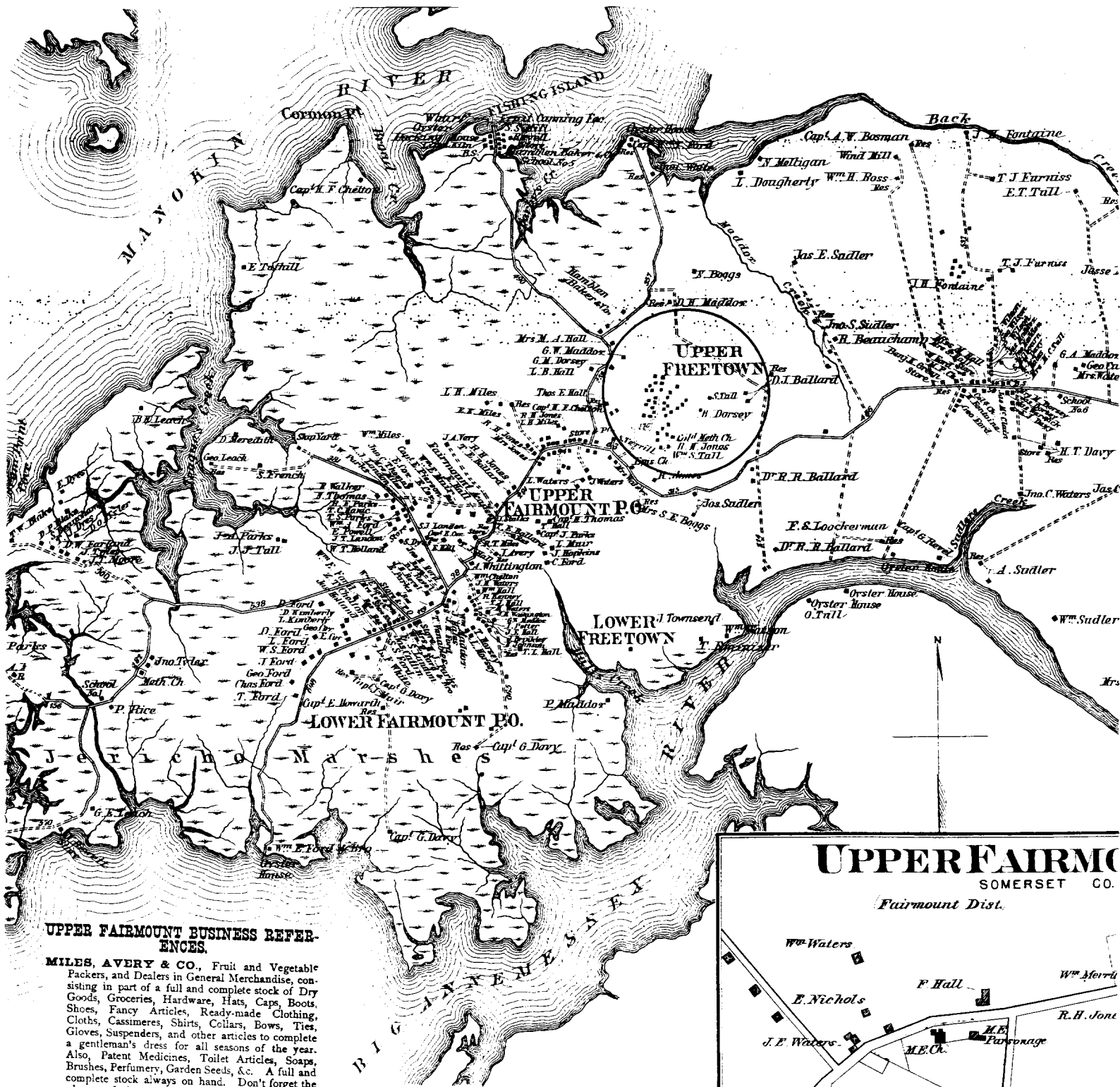
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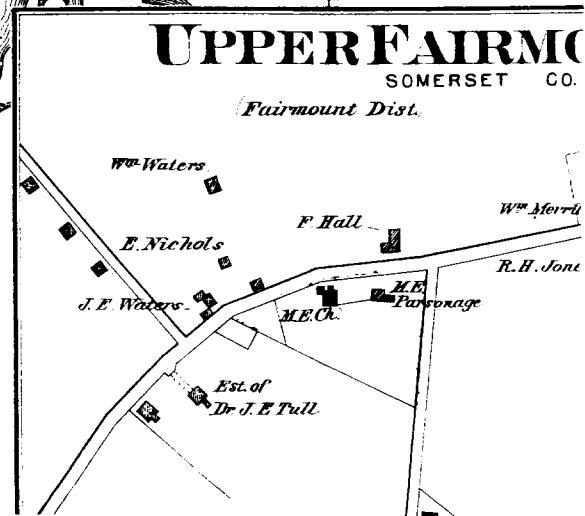
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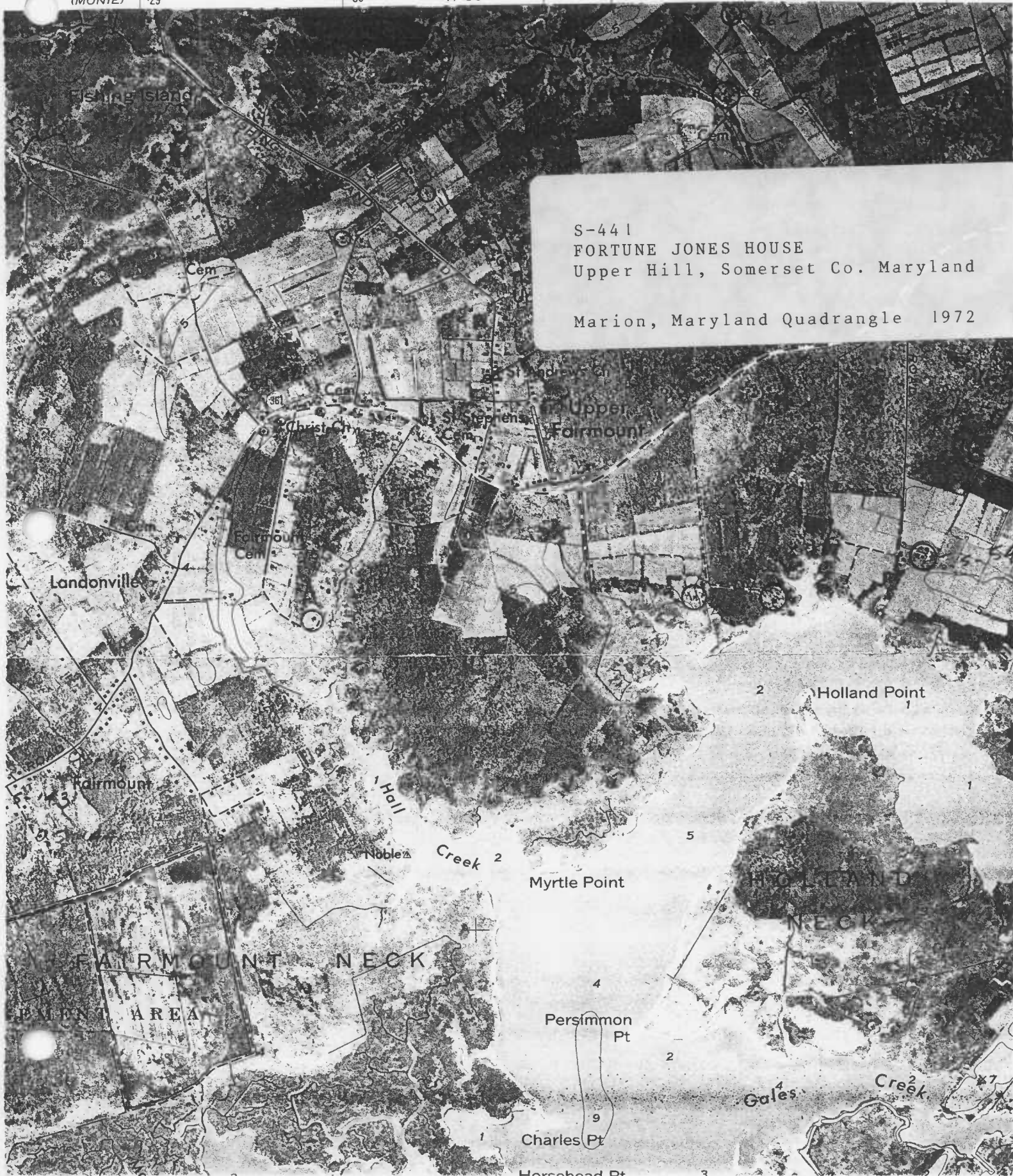
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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle 1972





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